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PROMOTION OF SATRIYA DANCE IN INDIA AND ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government trying to promote the Satriya Dance of Assam in India and abroad ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of Sangeet Natak Akademy in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is trying to promote the Sattriya Dance of Assam.

(b)&(c) A Project of Support to Sattriya dance and Allied Traditions of Assam was launched by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in November 2002 which provides for

i) annual festival of Sattriya in Assam;
ii) training programmes of Sattriya dance and music under eminent gurus;
iii) funding of select Sattras in Assam;
iv) sponsoring of Sattriya artistes outside Assam; and
v) support for research, documentation, publication etc.In the recent past, Akademi has been providing funds to institutions engaged in Sattriya dance and music for many years and several artistes of this tradition have also been honoured.The Akademi has also made audio/video documentation of the Sattriya tradition as practised in the Sattras of Majuli Island and by artistes in Guwahati.